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1. It was decided on 21 April 1951, at a conference held by the planning commission of the Generaldirektion Schifffahrt (Directorate General of Shipping), to construct a canal west of the West-Berlin locks of Ploetzensee, Spandau and Charlottenburg in order to bypass these locks.
2. The bypass canal, beginning at Paretz lock, will go to Niederneuendorf via Wustermark and Bredow. To allow for the passage of vessels up to 750 tons on this stretch, the Paretz canal will be deepened from Paretz to Nauen, and the Niederneuendorf Canal will be widened. It is also planned to enlarge the Brieselang and Niederneuendorf locks.
3. On 21 April 1951, at the same conference a decision was made to expand the cargo-handling equipment and the embankments in Ketzin and Velten-Henningsdorf.

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